

## **North Dakota Medicaid Policy and Procedures for Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Re-use**

### **PURPOSE:**

To establish a process to assist North Dakota (ND) Medicaid staff, Durable Medical Equipment providers, medical facilities and families in assuring compliance with the provisions of 2009 Senate Bill Number 2167.

### **RATIONALE:**

1. To clarify and inform regarding 2009 Senate Bill Number 2167.
2. To establish points of contact for persons regarding this initiative.

### **FEDERAL CITATIONS:**

Not applicable. The 2009 Senate Bill Number 2167 reads as follows:

“SECTION 1. State agency provision of medical equipment - Policy for reuse, recycling, or resale. If a state agency uses state funds to provide free medical equipment to an individual, that state agency shall establish a policy addressing the possible reuse, recycling, or resale value of the medical equipment upon replacement of the medical equipment by that state agency or upon disuse of the medical equipment by the individual.”

### **POLICY DURATION:**

This policy will be in effect until it is rescinded or superseded by the North Dakota Legislative Assembly.

### **POLICY and PROCEDURES:**

- 1) The North Dakota Medicaid program has been tasked with providing a policy regarding Senate Bill Number 2167. The ND Medicaid Program is not responsible for acquiring, storing, maintaining or distributing any durable medical equipment for this initiative.

- 2) The North Dakota Medicaid program encourages families to consider donation of their durable medical equipment when and if that equipment is no longer in use or medically necessary. North Dakota Medicaid has communicated this through provider bulletins, recipient newsletters and includes a statement regarding DME reuse on the DME prior authorization forms.
- 3) Individuals should not donate items that they need, nor should they donate items with the intent of being afforded new or updated equipment in return. ND Medicaid cautions families to scrutinize the potential for future use of any item being considered for donation. ND Medicaid DME policies apply; to include the minimum duration of time that must pass before authorizing new equipment, etc. in addition to any prior authorizations that are required. The ND Medicaid DME manual can be referenced for this information and is located at:  
<http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/docs/dme/dme-manual.pdf>. Any provider memorandums or notices specific to DME are posted on the DHS website.
- 4) The following agencies may be contacted if you require additional information regarding equipment donation:


**North Dakota Association for the Disabled, Inc. (NDAD)**  
1-800-532-6323

**Project Hero**  
1-218-284-6111 (Contact person-Leslie)

**North Dakota Developmental Center**  
1-800-252-4911 or 1-701-352-4501 (Contact person-David R).

**Easter Seals Goodwill**  
1-701-232-1333 (Contact person-Carol) or 1-701-237-9908 (Contact person-Cindy)

This policy and procedure for Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Reuse is hereby approved:

  
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